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LEASE of the Tythes in Question from David Bishop of Aberdeen, to John Gordon, and
Margaret his Wife, for their Lives, and to John their Son, for Three Nineteen Years;
Dated the 12th of April 1585.

Demise to John
Gordon, and
Margaret his
Wife, for their
Lifetimes.

Demise to John
their Second Son
for the first nine-
teen Years.

Demise to the
same John for the
second nineteen
Years.

Demise to the
same John for the
third nineteen
Years.

The Term to run
of the said Lease
afore.

Covenant to war-
rant the fore-
said Demises.

BE it kend till all sundrie quhom it effeirs, be thir present Letters, Us David, be the Mercie of God, Bishop of *Aberdeene*, with the expresse Consent and Assent of the Dean, Precedent and Chanouns of the Chaptour of the Cathedral Kirk of *Aberdeene*, chaptourlie gaderit, to the Effect underwrytten, for Us and our Successoris of the said Bishoprick in that Part, be us hard, seen, understuid and considerit; and we being well and rylie advysit therewith, diligently by acute and mature Deliberatione, hard a before an publick Edict proceeding, ducly execute, and be due Space affixit upon the Chaptour Doir of the said Cathedral Kirk, summonding all and sundrie haveand, or pretendand to have Intrist in the Action and Cause underwrytten, to hear and see the Teind Sheavis within expremitt, fait, and in Affedation lattin, to compear in the said Chaptour at an certain Space and Day in due Order to that Effect usit, and in due Time of Day; and na Person compearand to oppone agains the same, Us, for ane certaine Sowme of Monie, quid and usual Monie of *Scotland*, payit and deliverit to us by ane honourable Man *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, the kyndlie Possessor and Tacksman of the Teind Sheavis underwrytten, at the making of thir Presents convertit, and to be convertit and payit, for Reparation of our Cathedral Kirk of *Aberdeene*, now almaist destroyit, wraetit and ruinouse in thir troublese Dayis, and divers others quid and reasonable Causes moving us thairto; and of the quhilk Sowme of Monie we grant and hold us to be weill and thankfully contentit, plasit, and compleitlie payit; and for us, our Heirs, Executors, Assigneys and Successoris, exhoners, quiet Claims, and discharges the said *John*, his Heirs, Executors, Assigneys and Successoris, and all others quhom it effeirs, for now and ever; TO have sett, and in Affedation lattin, and be the Tenor hereof, setts, and in Affedation lattis to the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and to *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse in Litterente, and for all the Dayis of thair Lifetime, and to the langist Livar of thame twa, and to thair Assigneys, Subtinnantis and Helpis, for thair Lifetimes, ALL and HAILL the Teinds Sheavis of the Burgh, Town and Lands of *New-Aberdeene*, with the Pertinants pertaining to the said Bishoprick, usit and wont, lyand within the Territor of *New-Aberdeene* and *Ettie*, Saint *Nicolas* Paroch of *New-Aberdeene*, and Sheriffdome of the samen, respective, next and immediately followand the said *John* and *Margaret*'s Entres, and thair forefairs, in and to the samen; quhilk Entres thairto is, and God willing, fall be the Day and Date of thir Presents. AND SIKLIKE, to have sett, and in Affedation lattin, and be thir Presents setts, and in Affedation lattis, to *John Gordon* thair second Son, and to his Heirs mail, and gottin, or to be gottin of his Bodie, his and thair Assigneys, Subtennantis and Helpis, ane or mae; quhilk Heirs mail failand, to the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, his Heirs and Assigneys, Subtennantis and helpis, ane or mae, ALL and HAILL the said Teind Sheavis of the said Burgh, Town and Lands of *New-Aberdeene*, with the Pertinents, pertaining to the said Bishoprick, usit and wont, lyand as said is, For all the Dayis, Years, and Terms of nineteene Years next and immediate followand the said *John Gordon* youngeris Entries thairto; the quhilk Entres thereto, of the said *John Gordon* younger, LIKEAS of the said *John Gordon* his Father, and *Margaret Gordon* his Mother, respective and successie, is, and God willing, fall be the Day and Date of thir Presents, and frae thine forth the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, and thair forefairs, and the langist Livar of the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, the langist Livar of thame twa, to use, joits, and peaceibly bruik the samen, for all the Dayis and Terms OF THAIR LIFE, the langist Livar of them twais Lifetimes; AND the said *John Gordon* thair Son, immediate after baith thair Deceases, to use, joits, and peaceibly bruik the samen quhile the said Space of nineteene Years next after baith thair Deceases, be Continuance, and togidder forthrunning without Interruption, Impediment or Brake of Terms or Years. AND ALSO, with Consent foresaid, to have sett, and in Affedation lattin, and by thir Presents setts, and in Affedation lattis to the said *John Gordon*, Son to the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and his forefairs, ALL and HAILL the said Teind Sheavis of the said Burgh, Town and Lands of *New-Aberdeene*, with the Pertinents, pertaining to the said Bishoprick, usit and wont, lyand as said is, for all the Dayis and Terms of other nineteene Years next and immediate followand the liche and compleit fulfilling of the said first nineteene Years abovewrytten, next and immediate followand his Entres thairto; the quhilk Entres is, and, God willing, fall be the Day and Date of thir Presents; and frae thine furth the said *John Gordon* younger, and his forefairs, to use, joits, and peaceibly bruik the samen quhile the said Space of the last two nineteene Years Tack be fullily compleit, and togidder furthrunning without Interruption, Impediment or Brake of Terms or Years. AND SIKLIKE, with Consent foresaid, to have sett, and in Affedation lattin, and be thir Presents setts, and in Affedation lattis to the said *John Gordon*, Son to the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and his forefairs, ALL and HAILL the said Teind Sheavis of the said Burgh, Town and Landis of *New-Aberdeene*, with the Pertinents, pertaining to the said Bishoprick, usit and wont, lyand as said is, for all the Days and Terms of other nineteene Years next and immediate followand the liche and compleit fulfilling of the said two nineteene Years Tacks abovewrytten, next and immediate followand his Entres thairto; the quilk Entres thairto is, and, God willing, fall be the Day and Date of thir Presents. AND the said first Entris respective, successive of the Persons respective above mentioned, in and to the saids Tacks, to be sufficient, and to serve for the righteous Entres of All and Hail the said Teind Sheavis abovewrytten; AND frae thine furth the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, and *John Gordon* thair Son, respective and successive, to continue, use, joits, and peaceibly bruik the samen quhile all the Years, Space and Terms of the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, and the langist Livar of thame twais Lifetimes, and quhile the said three nineteene Years Tacks be fullily compleit, and togidder furthrun, and keep it to the said *John Gordon* thair Son and his forefairs, without Interruption, Impediment or Brake of Terms or Years. AND BUT PREJUDICE of the Tacks quhilk the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, thair Heirs and Assigneys has thairto to run, be virtue of the Affedation made to thame upon the said Teind Sheavis, by *William* last Bishop of *Aberdeene*, be the quhilk they are obliged nowise to make Exception nor Opposition agains the same; and be thir Presents ratifies the same, and consents that the same be eikt to the Affedation made to the said *John Gordon* and *Margaret Gordon*, and to *John Gordon* thair Son, immediate after the liche of the three nineteene Years Tack abovewrytten, Payand therefore yearly the said *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, and the said *Margaret* his Spouse, the langist Livar of them twais Lifetimes, and failzieing of thame the said *John Gordon* thair Son, and his forefairs, to Us the said *David* Bishop of *Aberdeene*, and our Successoris Bishops thairto, Ours and thair Assigneys Factors, and haveand our and thair Power thairto for the Time, the Sowme of fourtie Pounds usual Monie of *Scotland*, at Peace, and at *Bartolomew*'s Day yearly, beginnand the first Term's Paiement of twenty Pounds thairto at the Feast of next to come, in the Year of God One thousand five hundred Years; and swa furth to continue from thine forth yearly and termly induring the said Space abovewrytten, allenarly, without any other Manner of Exaction, Question or Demand, that may be askit or requirit thairto, enduring the said Space before rehearsit.

AND we forsuith the said *David* Bishop of *Aberdeene*, with expresse Consent and Assent foresaid, binds and obliges us and our Successoris, Bishops of *Aberdeene*, to warrant, quiet keep, and defend this our Affedation, and the said Teind Sheavis abovewrytten, with the Pertinents thereof, pertaining to the said Bishoprick, usit and wont to the saids *John Gordon* of *Cluny*, *Margaret Gordon* his Spouse, and langist Livar of thame twa, and thair forefairs for Lifetime, and the langest Livar of them twais, as said is; and thairafter to the said *John Gordon* thair Son, and his forefairs, for all the Dayis, Terms, Spaces and Years abovewrytten, ay and quhile the samen be fullily and togidder continuallie and compleitlie furthrun, RESPECTIVE AND SUCCESSIVE, as said is, for us and our Successoris of the said Bishoprick, contrair all Mortal but Fraud or Quhile. In Witness of the quhilk to this our Affedation, subscrivit with our Hand, our own common Seal is appendit, togiddar with the Subscriptions manual of the Chanouns of the said Chaptour, and their common Seal is appendit thairto in Taken of thair Consent to thir Presentis. At the Cathedral Kirk of *Aberdeene* the Twelt Day of April, the Year of God One thousand five hundred fourscore and five Years, before their Witnesses, *Alexander* Peap Citiner in *Auld Aberdeene*, Mr. *Robert* Peap his Son, *Thomas* James Gordon Dembe. Sic subscribitur, *Aberdonen*. Eps. Mr. *Alexander* Seaton Chancellor of *Aberdeene*; M. *Walterius* Steuart Decanus officio, Maister *John* Kennedy Parson of *Tillinesle*, Mr. *James* Duff Parson of *Collistonie*, *James* Johnston Parson of *Monymusk*, Mr. *Thomas* Lumsden Parson of *Kinkell*, Mr. *John* Gordon Parson of *Forrnier*, Mr. *Patrick* Gardener Parson of *Balgerny*, *James* Forbes Parson of *Forbes*, Mr. *Richard* Ross Parson of *Dalmack*, Mr. *John* Elphinston Parson of *Invernechtly*, Mr. *Robert* Mercer Parson of *Banchie-Nether*, Mr. *John* Ogilvie Parson of *Cruden*, Mr. *George* Hay Parson of *Turreff*, *James* Lyle Parson of *Balbelvie*.

